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**CASE OFFICER:** ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

24/01757/TCA

RW001. Sycamore - Crown reduce all  
round by 3-4m

46 Rushby Walk  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 1RX

**Submitted Plan Nos**

Location plan Photo

**1.0     Policies**

1.0           **Planning Practice Guidance**

1.1       Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014

1.2           Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030

1.3           North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0           **Relevant Site History**

2.1       None.

3.0           **Representations**

3.1       **LGCHF** – None received.

4.0           **Planning Considerations**

4.1           **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1   The application site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area with the Sycamore tree being sited along the rear party boundary of the property which is a Grade II listed building.

4.2           **Proposal**

4.2.1   Permission is sought to undertake the following works: Crown reduce a Sycamore tree all round by 3-4m.

4.3           **Key Issues**

4.3.1   The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2   The tree is identified as RW001 on the submitted site plan which is accompanied by a photograph.

4.3.3   The tree is a mature specimen and appears visually healthy albeit with significant ivy growth to the trunk. The growth of the tree means that the crown spread is vast and is now overhanging residential gardens to the rear party boundary with Rushby Mead. Public views of the tree are limited although given its height and maturity it does make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area. Private amenity value is also present given surrounding residential gardens.

4.3.4   Notwithstanding this, the proposed works to the tree appear justified. There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4           **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works to the tree would not harm its amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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| <div>Determining Officer</div> <div>Date: 5 September 2024</div>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                               |